

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed on mailed **15 November 2004**, the Examiner stated that a prior response to the Restriction Requirement mailed **09 July 2004** was non-responsive because the Applicant failed to elect both the Invention and Species to be examined on the merits. Applicant herein elects the **Invention I** consisting of **Claims 1 - 3** and **Species V** of **Claims 1 - 3, 9 - 11, and 17 - 18**, for examination on the merits. **Claims 4 - 8, 12 - 16, and 19** stand withdrawn from consideration. Applicant notes the renumbering of second **Claim 14** to **Claim 15** and the renumbering of the remaining claims to be **Claims 16 - 19**.

CONCLUSION

The Applicant has elected the **Invention I** consisting of **Claims 1 - 3** and **Species V** of **Claims 1 - 3, 9 - 11, and 17 - 18**, for examination on the merits in response to the Restriction Requirement imposed in the Office Action mailed on **09 July 2004**. The status of the application is as follows: **Claims 1 - 3, 9 - 11, and 17 - 18** are pending in the above-identified patent application and **Claims 4 - 8, 12 - 16, and 19** are withdrawn from consideration.

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